

Cultural/Recreational Opportunities

The Town of Gilbert is geographically well-positioned to take advantage of the many cultural and recreational opportunities that abound in the greater Phoenix area. Highlights of major activities include:

Theater/Arts/Museums

There are more than 20 museums in the Phoenix metropolitan area, including:

- Heard Museum of Anthropology and Primitive Arts - internationally acclaimed which houses 75,000 artifacts of southwestern Indian culture.
- Phoenix Art Museum - features extensive collections of paintings and sculpture from the 15th to 20th century; also hosts major national/international exhibitions.
- Numerous ancient Indian ruins.
- Gilbert Historical Society operates a local museum displaying area history dating back to the turn of the century.
- Gilbert Fine Arts produces live plays and hosts art shows.
- Chandler Center for the Arts hosts a variety of cultural events.
- Mesa Community Center offers numerous activities for the general public.
- Nelson Fine Arts Center (on ASU campus)
- Gammage Auditorium

Major Recreational Activities

Professional/college sports in the area include:

- Phoenix Cardinals (NFL Football)
- Phoenix Suns (NBA Basketball)
- Phoenix Roadrunners (IHL Hockey)
- Phoenix Smash (Tennis)
- Phoenix Greyhound Park Racing
- Phoenix International Raceway
- Arizona Rattlers Arena Football
- Arizona Sand Sharks (Indoor Soccer)
- Phoenix Firebirds AAA Professional Baseball
- Multiple PGA/LPGA professional golf tournaments
- Arizona State University sports
- Turf Paradise Horse Racing
- Cactus League (professional baseball spring training league)
- New Year's Day Fiesta Bowl

Golfing is available at 25 courses within 15 minutes of Gilbert, with more than 100 golf courses in the metropolitan Phoenix area. Gilbert's has two local golf courses.

Five nearby lakes offer water skiing, boating and fishing. The nearby Salt River offers tubing, which is a renowned Arizona ritual.

Snow skiing at premier ski facilities, is available at several locations throughout the state.

Community Services

Churches

Protestant: 17 Catholic: 1 LDS: 10 bldgs, 3 stakes Jewish: 3 (within 15 minutes).

Hotels, Motels

National chains within 15 minutes: 8

Number of lodging facilities within 15 minutes: 65

Total rooms (all facilities) within 15 minutes: 4,000

Local Restaurants: 26

Shopping

Regional shopping malls within 15 minutes: 3

Number of major department stores: 13

Total number of shops: 337

Youth/Adult Facilities

Gilbert Parks & Recreation Department

Administrative Office

119 North Gilbert Road

Telephone: (602) 892-0772

The Parks & Recreation Department offers many leisure-time activities year round. A quarterly brochure listing specific information on seasonal programs is distributed directly to all Gilbert residents. Facilities include a community center, municipal swimming pool, and 14 park locations.

Senior Citizens Facilities

Gilbert Senior Center

100 North Oak Street

Programs and Services include:

- Social activities
- Nutrition program - daily hot lunch
- Outreach for the home bound
- Transportation for social activities, medical visits, business and shopping needs

Telephone: (602) 892-9898

Library

Gilbert Public Library

132 West Bruce Avenue

Number of book volumes: 44,000

Telephone: (602) 892-3141

Gilbert Community Action Program

The purpose of CAP is to promote and foster individual/community self-reliance by meeting the social and economic needs of the low income and elderly households of Gilbert and Higley. CAP provides a variety of services including energy assistance, food boxes, financial assistance, counseling and referral to other community services including:

- job training
- employment assistance

Telephone: (602) 892-5331

The Gilbert Community Center

100 North Oak

Telephone: (602) 497-1366

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fridays: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Community Center with over 8,000 square feet has three carpeted classrooms, four large tiled floor multi-purpose rooms, a full-service kitchen, two offices and a relaxing lobby. This multi-use facility houses the Town's Parks and Recreation Department instructional classes and program activities, along with programs offered by the Gilbert Senior Center. Whether its the Senior citizen lunch program or evening dance, or the Parks and Recreation instructional classes or a community group rental, the Community Center is used seven days a week from early morning to late in the evening. Over 1,500 people pass through its doors weekly.

For information on Senior Citizen programs, call the Gilbert Senior Center at 892-9898, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For information on renting a room at the Gilbert Community Center, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 892-0772, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Media

Daily Newspapers

Gilbert Tribune
Arizona Republic
Phoenix Gazette

Weekly Newspapers

Gilbert Independent
New Times

Television

Local television stations: 14

Local cable service: 43 additional stations

Radio

AM stations: 20

FM stations: 22

Source: Gilbert Economic Development Dept.

TOWN OF GILBERT

Local Government

The Town of Gilbert operates under the council-manager form of government which includes a Town Council of six members plus a mayor, all of whom are elected by popular vote.

Operating Budget

Budget Data (July-June Fiscal Year)

1994 Operating Budget.....\$25,767,200
1993 Operating Budget\$22,244,210
1992 Operating Actual\$18,781,691
1991 Operating Actual\$15,094,478

1990 Operating Actual\$13,800,519
1989 Operating Actual\$12,866,271
1988 Operating Actual\$11,860,472
1987 Operating Actual\$ 8,238,383

Emergency Services

Gilbert Police Department

The mission of the Police Department is to provide the community of Gilbert with a professional public service organization that effectively and uniformly enforces federal, state and local laws, and provides citizen assistance and proactive programs. The department has 54 sworn officers and 26 civilian employees.

Some of the services and programs provided include:

- Operation Identification
- Community Watch Programs
- D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)
- Crime Prevention Programs
- Family Counseling
- Civilian Volunteer Programs
- GREAT (Gang Reduction Education and Training)
- Bike Patrol
- K-9 Patrol

Fire Protection

Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services are provided by the Town of Gilbert Fire Department. The town is served by a Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, Engine Company Captains and Fire fighters/Paramedics, totaling 22 full-time and 25 reserve (paid on call) personnel. There are currently three fire stations in the Town of Gilbert. The Town of Gilbert's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating is currently a "Class 5". The per capita cost is approximately \$30 per year.

Gilbert enjoys one of the lowest fire incident and loss records in the nation for communities its size and has the lowest fire loss record in the metropolitan Phoenix area. Services include:

- Fire Prevention
- Emergency Medical Services
- Rescue Service
- Hazardous Material Control
- Fire Inspection
- CPR Training
- Public Education
- Fire Investigation

Planning and Zoning

Town and County

The Town of Gilbert and Maricopa County have separate planning commissions, planning departments and code enforcement officers.

Zoning Variances and Use Permits

Gilbert has a zoning hearing officer who reviews variances and administrative use permits as necessary. The County Board of Adjustment consists of one member from each district and they meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month to hear variance requests.

Comprehensive Plans and Ordinances

Both the town and the county have adopted comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances and subdivision control ordinances. The county's comprehensive land use was adopted in 1965, while the town's general plan was adopted in 1986. The general plan is in process of revision with expected completion in early 1994. The county's zoning ordinance was adopted in 1960, the town's in 1974.

Planning and Zoning Commissions

The town commission consists of 7 members, the county has 10 members. Members serve without pay. The town commission meets the first Wednesday of each month; the County, first and third Tuesday of each month. Special meetings are scheduled as needed.

The planning commissions make recommendations regarding amendments to the zoning ordinances or zoning maps to the Town Council and County Board of Supervisors. They also have authority over the subdivision of land and implement the goals and objectives of the General Plan. Information on zoning and subdivisions is available from the planning department.

Telephone: (602) 892-0800.

Procedural Guide

The Planning Department for the Town of Gilbert has a videotape available titled "Guide to the Development Process" which outlines the step by step development process for Gilbert. The video includes information on use permits, site plan approval, zoning, rezoning, etc.

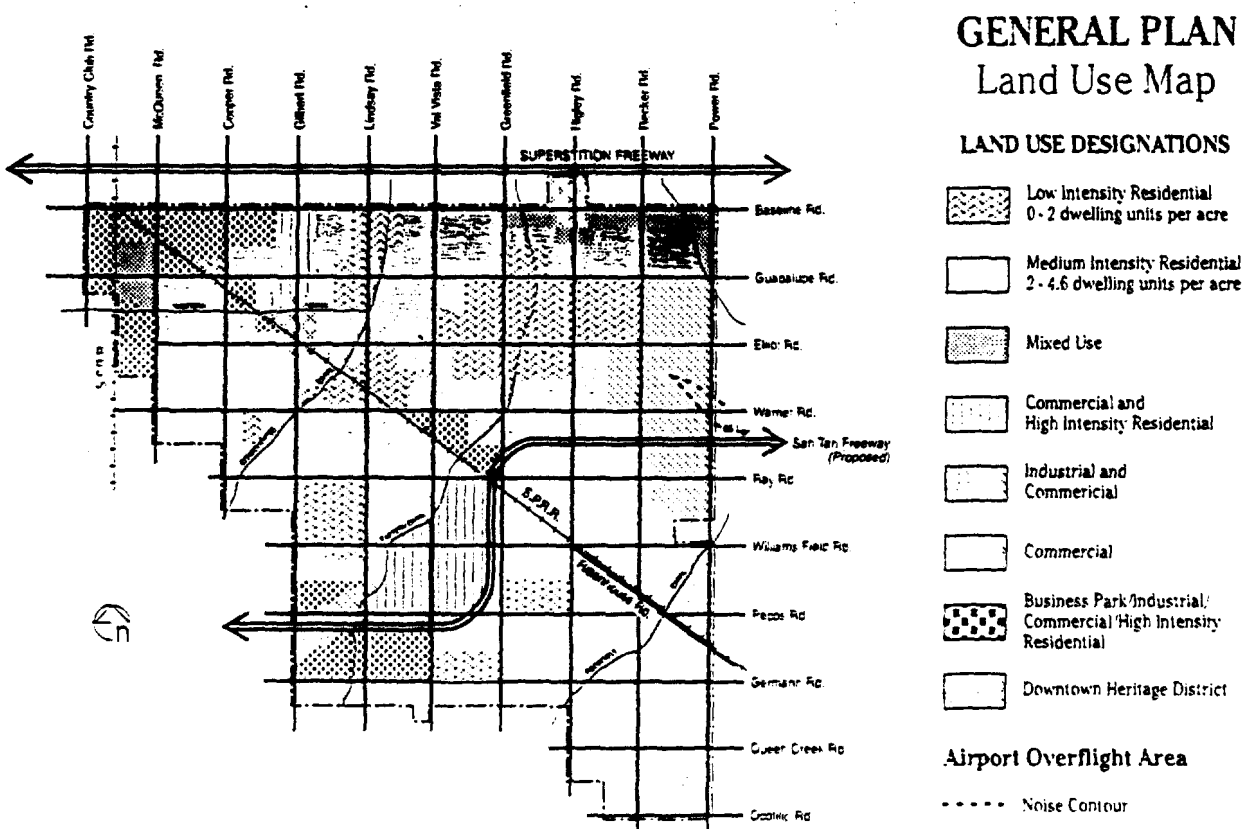
Boards of Appeal

The Town of Gilbert Building and Construction Regulations Code Board of Appeals hears and decides appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the Building and Code Enforcement Director or the Fire Chief to the application and interpretation of code. Information on applications to the boards is available from the Building and Code Enforcement Department.

Telephone: (602) 545-6833.

General Plan

TOWN OF GILBERT



GOVERNMENT

Maricopa County Government

Maricopa County has a board of supervisors which consists of five supervisors elected by district, one of whom is elected to serve as chairman.

Arizona State Legislators

Gilbert is located in two legislative districts which are represented by two State Senators and four House Representatives.

	<u>District 30</u>		<u>District 6</u>
Senate-	Larry Chelsea (R) 16308 East Comstock Road Gilbert, Arizona 85234 (602) 892-6566	Senate-	John Huppenthal (R) 8 Bullmoose Circle Chandler, Arizona 85224 (602) 963-0844
House-	Mark Killian (R) 1700 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (602) 542-5722	House-	Lori Daniels (R) 941 West Detroit Street Chandler, Arizona 85224 (602) 786-4736
House-	Jeff Groscost (R) 1700 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (602) 542-5735	House-	Richard Kyle (R) P.O. Box 51742 Phoenix, Arizona 85076 (602) 949-5339

U.S. Legislators

United States Senate

The State is represented by two senators:

Senator Dennis DeConcini (D)
40 North Center Street
Mesa, Arizona 85201
(602) 964-9771

Senator John McCain (R)
151 North Centennial Way
Mesa, Arizona 85210
(602) 491-4300

United States Congress

The Congresswoman representing Gilbert in the 6th district is:

Congresswoman Karen English (D)
117 East Aspen Street
Flagstaff, Arizona 86112
(602) 774-1314

Arizona has six congressmen in the House of Representatives.

Listing of Frequently Contacted Governmental Agencies

Community

Town of Gilbert Economic Development Dept.
1025 South Gilbert Road
Gilbert, AZ 85234
Phone: (602) 545-6865
Fax: (602) 497-4943

Gilbert Chamber of Commerce
202 North Gilbert Road
P.O. Box 527 • Gilbert, AZ 85229-0527
Phone: (602) 892-0056
Fax: (602) 250-1521

State/Federal

Internal Revenue Service
Contact for determining Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA) requirements and Social Security Taxes (FICA):
210 East Earl Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Phone: (602) 640-3900

State Compensation Fund
Contact for Worker's Compensation Insurance information:
701 West Southern Avenue, Suite 205
Mesa, AZ 85210
Phone: (602) 834-4963
FAX: (602) 964-7109

Arizona Corporation Commission
Contact for filing articles of incorporation:
1200 West Washington Street, Room 102
Phoenix, AZ 85007
Phone: (602) 542-3135
FAX: (602) 542-4100

Arizona Department of Revenue
Contact for application of Arizona income tax withholding number:
1440 E. Southern Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85282
Phone: (602) 255-1156
FAX: (602) 255-1481

Arizona Department of Economic Security
Employers are required by law to display the Department of Economic Security's information poster, "Notice to Employees." Pamphlets entitled, "What You Should Know About Unemployment Insurance in Arizona," can be given to each employee if available upon termination/separation:

1789 West Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85007
Phone: (602) 542-4296

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Contact if your operation has the potential to discharge pollutants impacting air, water or soil.

3033 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85012
Phone: (602) 207-2381

Department of Environment Management
Contact with any complaints or inquiries about dust from construction, or pollution from plants or factories. (602) 506-6727. Persons with questions about air quality may call computerized information line for current pollution readings. (602) 389-4786. Other types of pollution questions or inquiries:

2406 South 24th Street, Suite E-214
Phoenix, Arizona 85034
Telephone: (602) 506-6700

Taxes

Property Tax

1993-94 rate per \$100 Assessed Valuation

State of Arizona	\$	0.4700
Maricopa County		
Maricopa County operating		1.2426
County Free Library		0.0470
Flood Control District		0.3632
Community College District		0.8532
Central Arizona Water Conservation		0.1400
Education Equalization		0.5300
Fire District Assistance		0.0104
East Valley Inst. of Technology		0.0705
Hospital District #1		0.0696
Local School District		9.1181
Town of Gilbert		<u>1.2500</u>
Total	\$	<u>14.1593</u>

Multiplier:

Class 3 - Commercial/Industrial Property: assessed ratio is 25% of full cash value.

Class 4 - Vacant Land, assessed at 16% of full cash value.

Class 5 - Residential, assessed at 10% of full cash value.

Example:

Class 3-Industrial Property with \$100,000 full cash value:

$\$100,000 \times 25\% = \$25,000 \times 14.1593\% = \$3,539$ tax obligation.

5-Year Property Tax Trend:

<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1989</u>
\$14.1593	\$14.1883	\$13.9444	\$12.4936	\$12.5480

Sales Tax

The State of Arizona imposes sales tax on the gross proceeds of sales from certain activities. The 1993 general sales tax in Gilbert is:

State	5.0%
County (Highway)	0.5%
Town of Gilbert	<u>1.0%</u>
Total	<u>6.5%</u>

Note: Exemptions for manufacturing and other firms include:

- Sales of machinery and equipment used directly in manufacturing or processing.
- Professional or personal services.

Personal Income Tax

Progressive 3.8-7% scale.

Single Taxpayers Taxable Income (\$)	Tax Rate	Married Taxpayers Filing Jointly Taxable Income (\$)
0-10,000	3.8%	0-20,000
10,001-25,000	4.40%	20,001-50,000
25,001-50,000	5.25%	50,001-100,000
50,001-150,000	6.5%	100,001-300,000
150,001 and over	7.0%	300,001 and over

Corporate State Income Tax

9.3% flat rate; minimum tax is \$50.*

*Interest on U.S. tax obligation and Arizona Municipal Bond Interest are exempt from Corporate Income Tax.

Unemployment Compensation Tax: A newly located firm will contribute at a rate of 2.7% on the first \$7,000 of employees' compensation per year. After a minimum of 12 months, this may be reduced to a rate between 2.7% and 0.1%. The Arizona average is 1.2% of a \$7,000 taxable base.

Worker's Compensation Rates: Under Arizona Worker's Compensation program, firms may choose to insure their employees through one of three methods: self-insurance (after five years of operation), private carrier policy, or the State Compensation Fund policy. The rate charges in the latter two are identical for each job classification. The National Council for Compensation Insurance is the official rating organization for Arizona's worker's compensation insurance.

Sales Tax on Commercial Real Estate: This statewide tax is assessed on rental income of any real estate being used for commercial purposes. The 1993-1994 fiscal year rate in Gilbert is:

State	4.00%
County (Highway)	0.50%
Town of Gilbert	<u>1.00%</u>
Total	<u>5.50%</u>

The Arizona State Legislature has recently lowered the Arizona transaction privilege (sales) tax rate on commercial leases, which was 4.5%. The tax rate will be totally phased out as follows:

Tax Rate		Time Period	
4%:	7/1/93	through	6/30/94
3%:	7/1/94	through	6/30/95
2%:	7/1/95	through	6/30/96
1%:	7/1/96	through	6/30/97
No Tax:	Beginning		7/01/97

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

MEETING THE NEEDS OF TOMORROW

The Town of Gilbert General Plan

Adopted in 1986, this comprehensive planning document will be revised in 1994 and is updated periodically to meet the needs of Gilbert in the year 2000 and beyond.

Town of Gilbert Municipal Complex

The new 44,000 square foot town government offices opened for business in January 1992. This \$6 million complex houses the Town's Administrative offices, Planning, Engineering, Economic Development, Code Enforcement, Finance, Building, Personnel and Police Departments. On the same site, scheduled for completion in the near future, will be the main branch of the Gilbert Public Library.

Town of Gilbert Recreation Center

Freestone Park will be the location for this 40,000 square foot recreation center, scheduled for completion in 1995. The \$3.2 million project will feature a gymnasium, racquetball courts, weight room, instructional classrooms, and meeting space. Outdoor amenities to be built with the center include tennis, volleyball and basketball courts.

New Junior High School

A third junior high, Greenfield Junior High, will be completed by August 1994. It will be located in the eastern portion of the town and will serve an ever increasing population in the area. The facility will be approximately 135,000 sq.ft. and contain the latest in educational technology.

Gilbert 2000

This public-private partnership, established by the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce in 1989, continues to address quality of life issues within the community. The forums concentrate on positioning Gilbert to be ready for the future and to decide what needs are to be met for the citizens of the community.

Crossroads Park

Opened to the public in 1992, this 50 acre district park consists of four baseball fields, three soccer fields, a lake, amphitheater, basketball and volleyball courts, a picnic area consisting of three ramadas and plenty of wide open space.

Gilbert Municipal Refuse Recycling Program

Gilbert has become a leader in changing the existing "Throw It Away" mentality to a "Conservation Ethic" for the Phoenix Metropolitan area and the State of Arizona. This leadership was provided by the Gilbert Recycling Advisory Committee (GRAC), a group of 25 dedicated citizens who worked with Town staff members to study the various means by which the town could implement a refuse recycling program. Gilbert is the first community in Metro Phoenix to commit to and implement a total town-wide recycling program. All recycling program costs have been funded through the refuse department enterprise fund with NO increase in the monthly refuse fee.



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EXHIBIT E

Mesa - Tempe - Chandler Area
Scottsdale - Apache Junction
Chandler - Chandler Heights - Gilbert
Guadalupe - Higley - Mesa - Palm Springs
Queen Creek - Sun Lakes - Superstition
Tempe - Williams Air Force Base
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